

Top 10
Mistakes Made on
Scholarship Applications

- 1. Forgetting to include your name & address.
- 2. Submitting an incomplete application.
- 3. Being rude or abrasive to judges.
- 4. Submitting an application with smudges or stains.
- 5. Applying when you do not meet the minimum requirements.
- 6. Sending it “postage due.” Also, adhere to due dates. Late aps aren’t accepted.
- 7. Mailing the envelope without the application.
- 8. Submitting inappropriate supporting documentation (i.e. your baby picture).
- 9. Using messy handwriting or an illegible font.
- 10. Misspellings and grammatical errors.



A Letter From Indiana
Senate Democrats

High school graduation is one of the most exciting times in a person’s life, but it can also be one of the most stressful. Not only must college bound graduates choose where to continue their education, complete the application process, and adapt to a new environment, but they must also find the financial resources to meet these goals.

We have compiled the information in this brochure in hopes that it will help you and your family in looking for ways to pay for college. We truly believe in the motto “if there’s a will there’s a way” and have tried to support initiatives by the legislature to aid students in funding their education. Through state, federal, local, and private loans, grants, and work-study programs, any individual who wants to attend college and is willing to put forth the necessary time and effort can find the means to do so.

Continuing your education will take careful planning and preparation. We challenge you to push yourself to reach your goals. Although the next few years in your life may be financially straining, we are sure that you will find that the struggles will be well worth the effort.

We wish you the best in your future. We hope that you will contact any of us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Indiana Senate
Democrats

Indiana Public Institutions & Tuition (2001-02)	
Ball State University	\$3,924
Indiana State University	4,294
Indiana University-Bloomington	4,196
IU-East	3,221
IU-Kokomo	3,221
IU-Northwest	3,221
IU-South Bend	3,078
IU-Southeast	3,221
IUPUI	3,839
Ivy Tech	1,986
Purdue University-W Lafayette	4,164
Purdue-Calumet	3,272
Purdue-North Central	3,272
IUPU-Fort Wayne	3,701
Vincennes University	2,501
University of Southern Indiana	3,083
Average In-State Undergraduate Tuition and Required Fees	
Public Four-Year	\$3,387
Public Two-Year	2,057
Private Four-Year	14,387
Private Two-Year	5,723

Indiana Student Assistance

Indiana Higher Education Grant Program

This program, designed to provide access for Hoosier students to attend eligible postsecondary institutions, receives its funding through appropriations made by the Indiana General Assembly. The grants are need-based and do not require repayment. Due to variations in appropriations, the number of filers, and the need of the filer base, the dollar value of state grants will vary from year to year.

Hoosier Scholar Award

The scholarship is designed to recognize the achievement of Indiana's high school seniors and is funded through appropriations made by the Indiana General Assembly. The \$500.00 non-renewable award is based on academic merit and may be used for any educational expense. Eligible applicants must be an Indiana high school senior, rank in the top 20% of his or her graduating class, and plan to attend an eligible Indiana college or university as a full-time student.



Genius without education is like silver in the mine.
—Benjamin Franklin

Nursing Scholarship

The Nursing Scholarship is designed to provide tuition assistance to Hoosier

students who have chosen nursing as a career. Applicants must be admitted to an eligible Indiana school as full-time or part-time nursing students, demonstrate financial need, agree in writing to work as a nurse in any type of health care setting in Indiana for at least two years after graduation, and have a GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program

This is a federally-supported merit-based scholarship program which awards \$1,500 per year scholarships to selected Hoosier students. Funds for this program are very limited. Eligible applicants must achieve a minimum SAT score of 1300, a 31 composite score on the ACT, or earn an average standard score of 65 or higher on the GED. Applicants need to also be an Indiana high school senior, applying/enrolled at an institution of higher education, and not have defaulted on a debt to the federal government or sentenced for a drug offense.

Minority Teacher/Special Education Scholarship

The Minority Teacher Scholarship was created by the 1988 Indiana General Assembly to address the critical shortage of African American and Hispanic teachers in Indiana. It was later expanded to include special education and occupational and physical therapy. The scholarship is for \$1000 but may be increased to \$4000 if financial need is proven. Recipients must agree to practice in their respective fields in Indiana for a certain period of time.



Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.—William Butler Yeats

Twenty-first Century Scholars Program

This program began in 1990 as Indiana's way of raising the educational aspirations of low and moderate-income families. Income eligible 8th graders who enroll in the program sign a pledge of good citizenship that they must fulfill. In return, the state awards the students with full college tuition at a public institution in Indiana or the financial equivalent at a private college. Students must apply for this scholarship in the 8th grade.



The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read & write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, & relearn.—Alvin Toffler

plan to work. Eligible employers include state agencies, city and local government offices, not-for-profit organizations, and higher education institutions.

Indiana National Guard Supplemental Grant

The grant guarantees 100% of certain tuition costs will be met by the state for eligible members of the Indiana Air and Army National Guard. This does not include room and board or textbook expenses. Students seeking this grant must be in active drilling status, not have been AWOL during the past year, and be seeking their first associate or bachelor degree at a state college or university.

Summer State Work Study Program

This program was created to help students earn money for college by encouraging the hiring of students. Applicants must have received and used the Indiana Higher Education Grant prior to the summer they

HOW TO FIND MONEY FOR COLLEGE

- Talk to your high school guidance counselor.
- Meet with university financial aid officers.
- Contact the State Student Assistance Commission of Indiana at (317) 464-4400 or email grants@ssaci.state.in.us.
- Research local scholarships and grants available in your hometown and county.
- Plan early. Be sure to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA). Most organizations require that you do this to be eligible for their grants.
- Look! Look! Look! Money for college is out there. Its up to you to find it!

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